

Guide to Understanding ARRA Financial Reports

Overview:

A key provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is regular public reporting of project status, spending, and job creation and retention. Periodic reports on the status of federal dollars will be due to federal agencies, Congress and recovery.gov.

The State is required to report the following:

- How funds will be used
- Whether funds were used correctly
- Jobs created/sustained by the funds
- Non-federal funding sources used to complete projects

On May 6, 2009, the Office of Economic Recovery and Reinvestment (OERR) began posting weekly financial reports for ARRA.

Reports reflect state expenditures and encumbrances against a state approved ARRA spending level. The state approved ARRA spending level is a portion of the funds officially awarded to the state. In some cases, the state has received a federal award but no expenditures or encumbrances have been made because the mechanism for distributing funds has not been finalized.

The federal government has announced and posted funding allocations for several additional programs; however, the state does not have access to these funds until they are officially awarded and distributed. For the full list of federal allocations click [here](#) »

Procedures:

1. Reports are posted each Friday on www.recovery.ri.gov
2. The report includes all State Agency with any activity (expenditures and encumbrances) in their ARRA accounts in the current fiscal year.
3. Posted reports include cumulative data through the previous Friday, two weeks in arrears (e.g., the report posted on June 1, 2009 includes cumulative information through May 15, 2009).
4. In some cases, State Agency may incur expenditures for the entire month or quarter before the expenses are posted to the ARRA account.
5. The Fiscal 2009 figures are unaudited and are subject to change until the financial audit is completed.

Definition of Report Elements:

Agency	Name of state agency
Budget Authorization	State approved ARRA spending level as of the reporting period end date.
Balance Available	The remaining balance after subtracting expenditures from the budget authorization.
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is a complete listing of all Federal assistance programs, eligibility requirements, type of awards and application procedures.
Encumbrances	A binding agreement that requires the state to make payment immediately or in the future. The encumbrance column represents a summary of purchase orders and requisitions by department.
Expenditures	Total dollars paid out for goods and services.
Program	Name of program associated with the CFDA number that is identified in terms of its legal authority, administering office, funding, purpose, benefits, and beneficiaries.